

OATS

Oat production in the state of Maine totaled 1.75 million bushels in 1998, an increase of 4 percent from the previous year's production. Dry conditions early in the season allowed growers to have oats planted ahead of normal, with 99 percent planted by the end of May, compared with 25 percent in 1997 and the five-year

average of 70 percent. Oat yields averaged 73 bushels per acre in 1998, unchanged from the 1997 yield. The value of the 1998 crop was placed at \$1.664 million, 17 percent below 1997's value due to lower prices received per bushel.

OATS: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 1989 - 1998

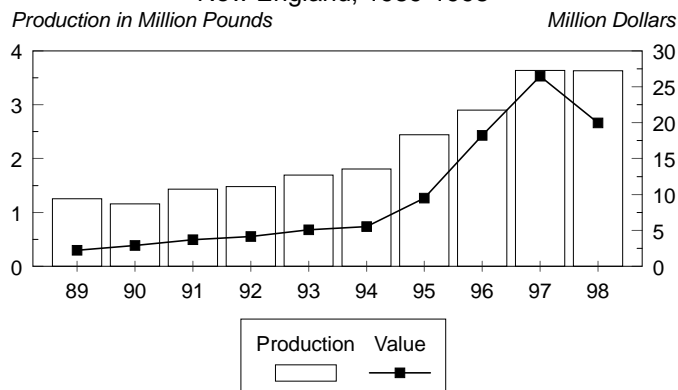
STATE & YEAR	Area		Yield per Acre	Grain Production	Price per Bushel	Value of Production
	Planted for all purposes	Harvested for grain				
	1,000 Acres		Bushels ^{1/}	1,000 Bushels	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Maine						
1989	40	37	70	2,590	1.20	3,108
1990	36	33	65	2,145	.96	2,059
1991	31	23	60	1,380	1.01	1,394
1992	27	25	85	2,125	1.05	2,231
1993	33	25	75	1,875	1.05	1,969
1994	25	22	70	1,540	1.02	1,571
1995	29	26	60	1,560	1.34	2,090
1996	31	28	75	2,100	1.57	3,297
1997	26	23	73	1,679	1.20	2,015
1998	25	24	73	1,752	.95	1,664

^{1/} Standard weight used for one bushel of oats is 32 pounds



Broadleaf Tobacco Production & Value

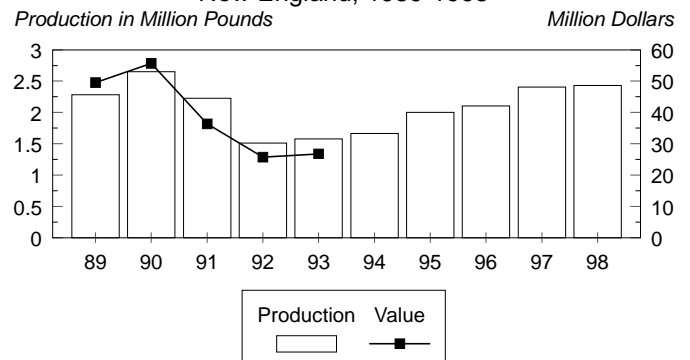
New England, 1989-1998



New England includes CT and MA

Shade Tobacco Production & Value

New England, 1989-1998



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Shade tobacco value not available beginning 1994